

Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM)

Resources for Rockhounds

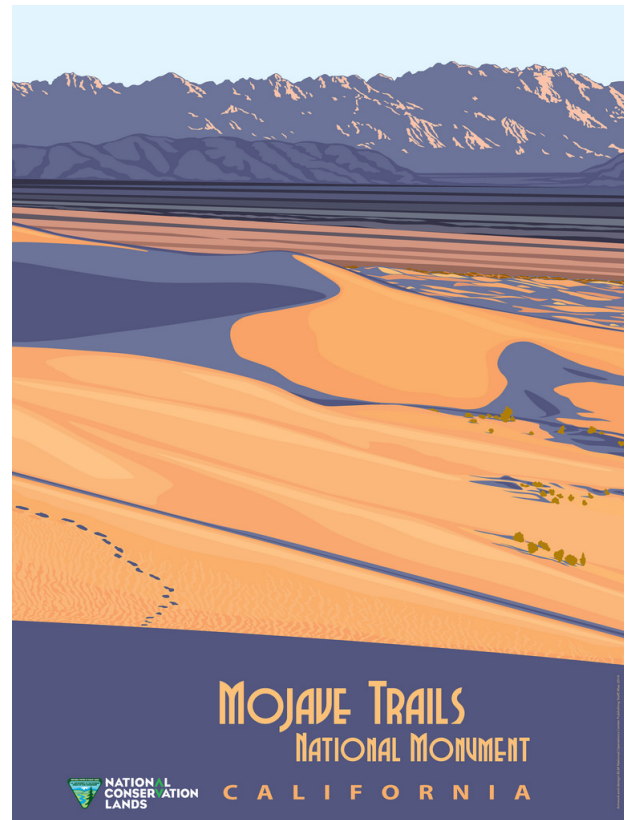
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Articles, reports,
calls to action, announcements, & updates
on the MTNM Management Plan.

***Gem-mineral clubs and rockhound advocates
are welcome to re-publish/cross-post
resources published under SDMG's byline***

Got questions/comments?

Contact **Lisbet Thoresen** (editor@sdmg.org)



Collecting areas and routes have to be written into
the Management Plan for Rockhounding to be allowed in the future.

Sites not explicitly included in the Plan will be excluded.

Here's what we're doing, and here's how you can help —

In preparation now (eta late Feb 2017):

Joint comment letter on the MTNM Management
by San Diego Mineral & Gem Society (SDMG)
and California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)

***Ask your Club to sign the SDMG-CFMS letter
when the draft is ready for review.***

What can you do now?

Join SDMG's mailing list so we can reach you:

<http://tinyurl.com/qy85geq> (short url)

- Scroll to the bottom of the sign-up form and select 'Mojave Trails comment ltr' and any other topics that interest you. (You don't have to sign up for the club newsletter/bulletin).
- You will receive a follow-up verification email after signing up. You must click the link in the message to confirm your desire to opt in and complete the registration process.

If you would like Lisbet Thoresen to make a presentation to your club
on public lands policy affecting Rockhounds, she would be happy to help your members
understand why their input is so important, please contact: editor@sdmg.org

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Public Lands use policy in California and many states throughout the U.S. is being driven by planning efforts of immense complexity and long term consequence. They impact all users concerned about preserving wildlands and access to them.

Download/view articles, reports, PowerPoint presentations (as PDFs) below.

- [SDMG]. 12 November 2016. Call-to-Action flyer: Sign the SDMG-CFS joint comment letter on the Mojave Trails National Monument Management Plan. Available online at: http://www.sdmg.org/calnatmonuments/mtnm_flyer_v3.pdf.
- L. Thoresen. 12 November 2016. Preserving Rockhounding in Mojave National Trails. Presentation made at the CFMS business meeting held in Visalia, CA. Available online at: http://www.sdmg.org/calnatmonuments/Thoresen_CFMS_Visalia_201611012.pdf.
- L. Thoresen. 31 October 2016. DAC meeting report: Progress and process on managing desert public lands. www.sdmg.org. Available online at: <http://www.sdmg.org/articles/201610/oct-2016-dac-mtg-report/>.
- San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Inc. and California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. 17 October 2016. Comment letter on San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Available online at: http://www.sdmg.org/blmdocs/SDMG-CFMS_comment_letter_SGMNM_Management_Plan_final.pdf.
Editor's comment: This letter will be the template for SDMG-CFMS comment letters, including the MTNM letter. It addresses several key topics: exposition/statement of personal (rockhounding) values; respect and support for BLM/Dept of Interior conservaton values; prescriptive comments targeting specific language in the draft Management Plan; collecting area information (name/site label, collecting material, location). This letter includes maps.
- L. Thoresen. 4 October 2016. Public lands update: Three major land use policy milestones in 2016. www.sdmg.org. Available online at: <http://www.sdmg.org/articles/201610/public-lands-update/>.
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Editor's comment: This presentation provides background on the significant planning efforts that impact rockhounding as a recreational activity, the "players" and Stakeholders concerned with public access, calls-to-action for rockhounds to provide input on LUPAs (Land Use Plan Amendments), including resources for staying informed, understanding the issues better, and tips on writing an effective comment letter.
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